

The Snyder Signal

THIRTY-SECOND YEAR.

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEX. AS, FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1918.

NUMBER SEVEN

CITIZENS ORGANIZE FOR ROAD WORK

THE DIXIE-OVERLAND HIGHWAY MEETING

A mass meeting of prominent citizens was held at Snyder Tuesday morning to consider the matter of permanently organizing a co-operative organization to secure the Dixie-Overland Highway from Savannah, Ga. to the Pacific northwest. Twenty members were enrolled and the following officers and committees were appointed: Judge M. E. Rosser, president; H. G. Towle, county organizer; J. W. Couch, secretary-treasurer. Finance Committee: Judge W. S. Adamson, F. J. Grayum, and J. H. Sears. Membership Committee: J. M. Denson, J. Monroe, and Gay Mc-Glaun. Auto run organizer: J. K. Blackard; Publicity, J. P. Chambliss. Delegates to the Shreveport meeting August 14: Judge M. E. Rosser, Judge W. S. Adamson, H. G. Towle and J. W. Couch. A general mass meeting was called for Tuesday July 30, in the court house at 2:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of completing details and to arrange for the expenses of sending delegates to the national meeting.

PRESIDENT WILSON CONDOLENCE TO ROOSEVELT

Washington, July 21.—President Wilson Saturday sent the following telegram of condolence to Col. Roosevelt: "I am greatly distressed that the news of your son's death is confirmed. I had hoped for other news. He died serving his country and died with fine gallantry. I am grieved that his service should have come to this tragic end."

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Call for Republican Convention.

Pursuant to instructions of the Chairman of the State Executive Committee, I hereby call a Republican county convention to be held at Snyder, Texas, on August 2nd, 1918, at 2:30 p. m., for the purpose of electing a county chairman and delegates to the state and district conventions and such other business as shall regularly come before the convention.

All republicans who have paid their poll tax, that attend said convention will be regularly seated to delegates from their respective precincts.

G. B. Clark, County Chairman. This July 20, 1918.

Revival at Auditorium.

The revival meeting at the Park auditorium, under the auspices of the Church of Christ is now well under way. Large congregations are attending and the general interest is increasing. The preaching is done by Evangelist Netherland of Yuma, Tennessee. He is an interesting preacher, plain, logical and forceful. Mr. Ribble of Brownwood is leading in the song service.

Revival Meeting at Hermleigh.

Rev. J. R. Plant, pastor of the Methodist church at Hermleigh was here Wednesday and stated that he would begin a revival meeting at Hermleigh Thursday night. He will be assisted by Rev. W. C. Hines of Matador.

Liberty Bond Campaign in Sept.

Mr. J. W. Hoopes has returned from a conference with other government agents and states that the next Liberty Bond campaign for six billion dollars will be launched during the last half of September.

Last Days To Transfer.

Supt. O. L. Howell desires to remind the people that no transfer of school lands can be made from one district to another after July 31. If you wish to transfer, do it now.

Judge Yonge Employment Agent

Judge Arthur Yonge received notification this week that he has been duly appointed County Director of the United States Employment Service for Scurry county.

POLITICAL DEBATE SATURDAY.

Cockrell and Sandusky Were The Speakers, Scurry County Supporting Hobby.

The first real political event that has come to Snyder this year, came last Saturday afternoon. It had been noised around for several days that Judge Fred Cockrell of Abilene would speak here in the interest of Jim Ferguson.

True to announcement the Abilene Judge and his daughter, Mrs. Richardson of Sweetwater, drove in here about noon. They went to the Park Auditorium and waited for the people to come. Finally it became known that L. W. Sandusky of Colorado was here to meet the Judge in joint discussion, then a large crowd soon gathered there.

The audience was estimated at 700. Judge Adamson announced the arrangements and introduced the speakers. Judge Cockrell spoke first, saying that Texas never lost a dollar on Ferguson and pointing out where he was a friend to the poor and was unlawfully impeached.

He charged that Hobby was elected Lieutenant Governor on Ferguson's coat tail and then stabbed a friend in the back. Said Ferguson is a dry anti and Hobby a wet anti and that his present attitude toward prohibition and woman suffrage is a play at politics and predicted Ferguson will be elected and seated as governor.

There was a little hand clapping by five or six people at two points in the speech.

The appearance of Mr. Sandusky was greeted by prolonged cheering. He showed some of the proven acts of Ferguson for which he was impeached and contended that whether criminal acts or not, the acts of Ferguson showed him unfit to be governor and the state senate had so declared. He said that even if Hobby is not a convert to prohibition, he has given to the people of Texas and the national government the laws they asked for and no governor could do more. He recited that in granting to women the right to vote in the primaries he went as far as the constitution permits. Mr. Sandusky was liberally applauded throughout his address.

Mr. Cockrell had fifteen minutes for closing, but failed to make any telling point anywhere.

He finally said the people here are so tied to their idol that it was useless to try to reason with them and he quit.

Persons who were in position to see the crowd estimate that fully 90 per cent were Hobby supporters.

Judge Cockrell went from here to Hermleigh and Elifton Perkins was there to meet him on the stump and a majority of the crowd there were for Hobby.

EDUCATED PEOPLE IN DEMAND.

The government has established in Washington City a school for training nurses for army service and when a nurse has graduated she will be sent into active service. This is a fine opening for young women who want to be self sustaining and useful to their country. Applicants must be between 21 and 35 years old and have at least a high school education.

This last named requirement stresses the fact that, except for mental service, there is no demand for boys and girls who have turned down their opportunities to get education. Young people sometimes feel that it is a waste of time to go to school and they cry up without education and later find that the doors of all the better avenues are closed against them. Parents who fail to provide educational facilities for their children are doing so at the hurt of their own offspring. No sort of a business confession will to encourage ignorant men and women. The business world wants the best in service and the white man or woman is more efficient than the ignorant. Hence the nurse department and mechanical branch of the war service calls for men and women who are intellectually fit.

In mentioning the social at C. R. Lockhart's last week, we should have said Tommie's prayer instead of the Lord's prayer by the little girl.

SCURRY COUNTY BOYS TO COLORS

MORE SOLDIERS LEAVE.

Snyder's Quota Join The Host of Recruits Here. Many People Bid Them Good-Bye.

Several hundred people were at the Santa Fe Station Tuesday afternoon to see another bunch of our boys leave for the training camp. It was a fine bunch of young Americans and we know they will help to uphold the honor of American justice and independence.

The Red Cross equipped them with regulation kit and they went with the cheers of friends and the prayers of fathers and mothers.

When the special troop train came through it consisted of seven well filled coaches with bright young men from all over the Plains country.

The following is a list of 34 noble young men who went from Snyder:

William H. Burns, Otto McKelven, John L. Farrason, Travis Harrison, Thomas R. Tomlinson, Nathan A. Billingsley, Ross S. Pate, Ruby G. Bynum, Alex W. Clift, W. M. Taylor, William E. Paschen, Homer Lee Glover, Vern McMullan, Thomas B. Pryor, Willie Ziegler, George Allen Ramsey, Dan B. Hall, Orville M. West, Hollis P. Whitefield, Chas. L. Deere, Elmer Jennings, Lennie M. Wilson, Joe Elmer Lewis, Howard Earl Hicks, John S. Martin, Warren C. Farragson, Elton Gillum, Jesse W. Dixon, John L. Dwyer, John W. Shephard, Geo. Lester Hockabe, Geo. Everett Rich, Wm. T. DeShazo, Ira Emmerson Armstrong, Robert Bailey White, Wm. Lee Pitts.

What the Hun is Fighting For.

The Kaiser's latest public speech was significant in its admission that Germany is fighting not on the defensive, but to impose its system and its "kultur" upon the whole world. On the occasion of a celebration in honor of his accession to the throne, he declared that "the war is not a matter of strategic campaigns, but a struggle of two world views wrestling with each other. Either German principles of right, freedom, honor and morality must be upheld or Anglo-Saxon principles, with their ideology of mammon, must be victorious." That declaration clarifies the issue, because it goes away with the contention of the Hun that he fights to save himself. "Kultur" has had a free hand everywhere—much too free a hand in this country. The German-American Alliance, subsidized by the Berlin government has been prosecuting for years its scheme to Germanize this country, and not one voice was lifted to oppose its treasonable design. Throughout the world, in empires and in democracies alike, a network of German intrigue has enmeshed the official, social and even the religious life of other lands, gradually transferring to Berlin the power and the influence that should abide only at home. And still the apostles of "kultur" were not satisfied with these peaceful conquests. The propaganda of persuasion was too mild; its promises were too easily won. "Kultur" demands more than lip service. Nothing but fear can enlighten the human heart as to all of its virtues. A flat sword upon the skull, a dagger through a woman's heart, an infant leg severed at the joint—these things, and these alone, preach the gospel of "kultur" in its primitive purity. The world owes much to the Kaiser for his candor. He makes it plain—even to the Hun—that the Hun is fighting for.

Court Handles Two Cases.

The County Court ground out two "turns" of trial Thursday.

H. P. Wellborn vs. M. L. Fenton et al. suit on note, dismissed as to Fenton. Judgment for plaintiff against others.

The State vs. Z. F. Samples, unlawfully allowing fence to remain around land of another. Complaint quashed. This case was based on the fencing up of a part of the ground at the old oil field south of town.

CHANGE DELIVERY METHODS IN CITY

NOTICE.

Beginning August 1, 1918, we the undersigned merchants of Snyder, will make only one delivery to each home per day within the City limits only.

All orders taken in the morning will be delivered in the afternoon. All orders taken after twelve o'clock will be delivered the following morning.

We have adopted the above rule after due and careful consideration mainly for the following reasons:

1. Due to the increasing scarcity of competent labor not subject to military service.

2. To curtail, as far as possible the expense of doing business, thereby eliminating the necessity of raising prices.

3. In order to co-operate with our government in the great movement for the conservation of the resources of the nation by more economically operating our business.

We realize this action will to a certain extent work a hardship on a few for a short time, but the action is in keeping with the spirit of the times and we believe our friends and patrons are patriotic enough to see that the move is a good one at this time. We know that you will give us your hearty co-operation in our effort to keep down as far as possible the constantly advancing prices.

Farmers Union Mer. Co.
Denson & Smith
J. W. Templeton
C. R. Lockhart Gro. Co.
Harpole & Taylor
Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
C. S. Perkins
Wilhelm & Weninger.

Banks Will Be Closed.

We the undersigned banks will close, Saturday, July 27, 1918, on account of the primary election.

The 1st State Bank & Trust Co.
The Snyder National Bank.
The First National Bank.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS.

On and after Aug. 1st, 1918, we will sell wood and coal for cash only. Telephone orders must be paid for at the time of delivery. The exceedingly close margin fixed by the Fuel Administrator makes the above method of handling the fuel business absolutely necessary so please do not ask us to open an account for you. A minimum charge of 25¢ will be made on all coal drayage deliveries of less than 1000 lbs.

(Signed) W. T. Bass and Son.

By J. I. Bass.

J. C. Dawson.

Texas Will Remain Dry.

Judge Calhoun of Austin has held the Statutory Prohibition Law Valid and now the case will go to the Supreme court and will almost certainly be sustained as agreeable to the constitution and then next year a constitutional amendment will be submitted to the people and the question will be settled.

Marriage Announced.

The Signal is in receipt of the following news item:

"Mr. Harold S. McGregor and Mrs. Agnes Jones, announce their marriage which occurred at Pawhuska, Okla., Monday, July 22, 1918."

Hankin Thompson Visits Home.

Hankin Thompson who is on a battleship in New York, came home Tuesday morning to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thompson. This is his first visit since he enlisted. It is learned that Ben Washon is on the Virginia coast and Charlie Noble is at Seattle. These three boys went away together.

Notices to Women Voters.

You must make out your own ticket from memory. You should scratch all but one running for each office. You should go to the polls during business hours to avoid the rush, take your time and vote right.

AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF CHEAP MONEY

I am in receipt of official announcement from the Federal Land Bank of Houston that they have on hand one hundred million dollars to put out in the country at the very low rate of five and one-half per cent interest. All farmers and land owners who pay more than seven per cent interest should take advantage of this opportunity.

August interest payments on closed loans must be paid in time for your secretary-treasurer to get same to the bank in order that credit may be given prior to August 1. The semi-annual payments come August 1 and February 1, each year. Please make your arrangements accordingly.

Following extract from a letter from the bank explains itself:

"We are being asked in a few instances, to extend the date of payment. On this question we advise you as follows: Immediately upon taking the mortgage of the borrower, we issue bonds of the Bank, equal in amount to the sums loaned, based upon the lands mortgaged. These bonds we sell in order to get money for the borrowers. On these bonds we are required to make semi-annual payments of interest. The holders of the bonds expect their money. The system would fail in ten days if we did not make these payments in full. For the present, at least, there is no use to write us for extension of time. We must have the money or sell the farm under our deed of Trust. The time may and will come, when the Bank has accumulated a surplus sufficient to enable it to accommodate associations and borrowers, but that time is not yet."

J. P. CHAMBLISS.

Sec'y-Treasurer.

Plant-Robinson Marriage.

Rev. J. R. Plant of Hermleigh and Miss Vera Robinson of the Mt. Zion community were married last Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents by Presiding Elder J. T. Griswold. The bride is a splendid lady and the groom is the popular pastor of the Hermleigh Methodist church. He is now serving his second year on the Hermleigh circuit and has done good ministerial work there. He has been in pastoral work in Scurry and Garza counties for several years and has always carried up good reports to the conference.

Women Urged to Vote Early.

The Signal suggests to the ladies of Scurry county that they go to the polling places early tomorrow and vote. The weather is more pleasant in the morning and ordinarily most women wait until the afternoon to vote.

There will be an unusually large number of voters and the precincts around the polling places are apt to be crowded and women will become weary in waiting for their turn. By voting early they may avoid the rush and in case any should want to ask the presiding officer for instruction he will have more time to explain matters.

Go as early in the morning as convenient and have it over with.

Nice Shower at Fluvanna.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Tate of Fluvanna were in Snyder Tuesday and after the rain cloud passed over the country between Snyder and Fluvanna, they decided to remain here for the night. A card from Rev. Tate written Wednesday states that the gauge at Fluvanna showed a five-eighths inch rain there Tuesday afternoon.

Sixty One Absentee Voters.

There were 61 people here who filed their primary election tickets with the county clerk this week before leaving the county. These people had planned to go away and could not have been here to vote and the absentee vote law came in handy for them.

Hold Your Precinct Conventions.

Remember the democratic precinct conventions to be held in the several precincts Saturday to elect delegates to the County convention. Your chairman may forget to call these meetings, but any number of democrats may organize and transact the business just the same.

OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN SCURRY COUNTY

OIL, OUT LOOK IN SCURRY.

Three drilling contracts have been closed in Scurry county the past week.

Mr. J. Burris Mitchell of Los Angeles, California, has closed a drilling contract with Messrs. Nelson and Snuffer for a block of acreage lying between Hermleigh and Camp Springs for a test to commence at once. Mr. Mitchell has his rig and material ready to go to work. Mr. Mitchell is interested in the firm of Mitchell and Sons, who brought in the first well in Coleman county on the Gray ranch.

Contract for early drilling has been let on the W. A. Johnson ranch north of town to Tulsa, Oklahoma, parties, drilling to commence within 30 days.

Another contract has been let by Messrs. Matthews and Griffith to Wichita Falls drillers on their block of acreage in west and south of Fluvanna. This makes a total of four bonafide contracts for Scurry county. This is the block of acreage on which Maj. John W. Otley of Marietta, Oklahoma, made a survey some weeks ago and predicted that oil will be found in paying quantities in the Pennsylvania sand at a depth of from 1200 to 1500 feet. Maj. Otley years ago located the Sourlake, Saratoga, Markham and other big fields in Texas and predicted the development of oil in southeastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma, which has since been proved up in the wonderful Butler county, Kansas field, said to be the best steady production in the country.

In pulling the casing out of an old well on the Ben Reynolds' ranch northeast of Snyder a few days ago a steady flow of gas was obtained. This is about 7 miles northwest of town.

Messrs. J. T. T. Harris, J. B. Mitchell, B. H. Matthews and W. W. Griffith made a business trip to Wichita Falls this week. They report a successful round with the exception that Mr. Griffith, who separated from the crowd and got mixed up with an oil witch, who took him out and tangled him with a "jungle bob." For further information, speak to Mr. Griffith about the matter.

Mrs. J. T. T. Harris and daughter of Ryan, Oklahoma, are at the Manhattan hotel, the guests of Mr. Harris, who is developing the oil industry of Scurry County.

GET THE CASH ON YOUR OIL LEASE

If you have any land that you have not leased for Oil Gas and Mineral, come to see us and learn how we can get you immediate cash for same. Make up your mind what you will take for the lease per acre and list it with us at once.

Come in and let us fully explain.

Yours truly,

The Snyder Oil Lease Exchange,
J. P. Chambliss, Mgr.
Snyder, Texas
Office Phone 88, Residence Phone 239.

More Must Go To France.

Petoakey, Mich. July 22.—"Many have gone, but many more must go before our glorious task is accomplished," said Vice President Thomas R. Marshall in addressing selectees who left here for Camp Custer this afternoon.

"You may not return, but he who sacrifices his life for his country can never die. I do not believe a man ever dies until he has done his work or refused his opportunity to do it. We have those who have refused to subscribe for the various war funds. They already are dead, but not buried. I don't know when their funerals will be, but I don't care, for I shall not attend."

W. A. Merrill and wife and Neil Gross and wife have returned from Ranger. They report that a good business town, but an inconvenient place to live.